

a first portion integrally including an input device to receive user-supplied input, and to generate a wake signal in response to receiving the user-supplied input; and

a second portion rotatably coupled to said first portion, said second portion to receive and detachably retain a personal information device in the form of a PCMCIA card, and to supply a signal representing the user-supplied input and the wake signal to the personal information device.

2. (Amended) The wallet of claim 1, wherein said input device is a touch pad in the form of a keyboard.

3. (Amended) The wallet of claim 1, wherein said second portion includes electrical contacts adapted to contact opposing surfaces on said personal information device when retained by said wallet to supply the signal representing the user-supplied input and the wake signal.

4. (Amended) The wallet of claim 1, wherein said second portion includes an induction coil adapted to communicate without electrical contact with said personal information device when retained by said wallet to supply the signal representing the user-supplied input and the wake signal.

7. (Amended) The wallet of claim 1, wherein said second portion includes a PCMCIA port adapted to be coupled to a PCMCIA I/O port of said personal information device when said wallet receives said personal information device to supply the signal representing the user-supplied input and the wake signal.

8. (Amended) The wallet of claim 1, wherein said first and second portions represent first and second halves, respectively, and are adapted to be held in an

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open position in which a display of said personal information device and said exclusive input device of said wallet are both accessible to the user, and are adapted to be folded together wherein respective faces of said first and second halves face each other defining a closed position; and wherein neither said display of said personal information device nor said exclusive input device of said wallet is accessible to said user in said closed position.

9. (Unchanged) The wallet of claim 1, wherein one of said first and second portions further includes an I/O connector adapted to be coupled via a cable to an external device, said I/O connector being electrically connected to said supply means and being adapted to provide data supplied from said external device to said supply means, and said supply means is adapted to supply said data supplied thereto including data supplied from the external device to said personal information device.

10. (Unchanged) The wallet of claim 9, wherein said external device is a computer.

11. (Unchanged) The wallet of claim 9, wherein said external device is another wallet including mounted therein another personal information device so that communication between two coupled personal information devices is possible.

12. (Amended) A wallet in combination with a personal information device, the combination comprising:

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a wallet first portion including an input device to receive user-supplied input and to generate a wake signal in response to receiving the user-supplied input;

a wallet second portion rotatably coupled to said first portion, said wallet second portion to receive and detachably retain a PCMCIA card, said wallet second portion including output means for providing said user-supplied input and the wake signal as an output;

a personal information device in the form of a PCMCIA card, said personal information device detachably retained in said wallet second portion, said personal information device including:

a display for displaying information to the user;
an input device for receiving additional user-supplied input, and
input means for receiving data from said output means of said wallet second portion when said personal information device is retained in said wallet first portion.

13. (Unchanged) The combination of claim 12, wherein said output means of said wallet second portion and said input means of said personal information device are opposing electrical contacts adapted to contact with each other when said personal information device is retained in said wallet.

14. (Unchanged) The combination of claim 12, wherein said output means of said wallet second portion and said input means of said personal information device are induction coils adapted to provide communication between said wallet and said personal information device without electrical contact therebetween.

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15. (Unchanged) The combination of claim 12, wherein said exclusive input device in said wallet first portion is a touch pad in the form of a keyboard.

16. (Unchanged) The combination of claim 12, wherein one of said wallet first portion and wallet second portion further includes an I/O connector adapted to be coupled via a cable to an external device, said I/O connector being electrically connected to said output means of said wallet said portion and being adapted to provide data supplied from said external device to said output means, and said output means is adapted to supply said data supplied thereto including data supplied from the external device to said personal information device.

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29. (Amended) A wallet for use with personal information device, said wallet comprising:

a first portion including an integrated input device to receive user-supplied input, the first portion generating a wake signal in response to the user-supplied input; and

a second portion rotatably coupled to said first portion, said second portion being adapted to receive and detachably retain a personal information device in the form of a PCMCIA card, said second portion including an interface electrically coupled to said input device and being adapted to communicate with said information device, wherein the interface delivers the wake signal to the personal information device, and the wake signal causes the personal information device to be turned on.

30. (Amended) The wallet of claim 29, wherein said input device is a touch pad in the form of a keyboard.

31. (Unchanged) The wallet of claim 29, wherein said interface comprises electrical contacts adapted to contact opposing surfaces on said personal information device when retained by said wallet.

32. (Unchanged) The wallet of claim 29, wherein said interface comprises an induction coil adapted to communicate without electrical contact with said personal information device when retained by said wallet.

33. (Amended) The wallet of claim 29, wherein said input device is a touch-sensitive display device operable to display information to the user, and said interface is operable to receive from said personal information device control data, and said touch-sensitive display device provides a display to said user in accordance with said control data.

34. (Unchanged) The wallet of claim 33, wherein one of said first and second portions includes a memory having pre-stored therein a plurality of sets of display data, each of said sets of display data representing a respective display displayable on a touch-sensitive display device, and said control data supplied by said personal information device identifies one of said pre-stored sets of display data and said touch-sensitive display device provides to said user a display corresponding to said one of said pre-stored sets of display data identified by said control data.

35. (Unchanged) The wallet of claim 29, wherein said interface comprises PCMCIA port adapted to be coupled to a PCMCIA I/O port of said personal information device when said wallet receives said personal information device.

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36. (Unchanged) The wallet of claim 29, wherein said first and second portions represent first and second halves, respectively, and are adapted to be held in an open position in which a display of said personal information device and said exclusive input device of said wallet are both accessible to the user, and are adapted to be folded together wherein respective faces of said first and second halves face each other defining a closed position, and wherein neither said display of said personal information device nor said exclusive input device of said wallet is accessible to said user in said closed position.

37. (Unchanged) The wallet of claim 29, wherein one of said first and second portions further includes an I/O connection adapted to be coupled via a cable to an external device, said I/O connection being electrically connected to said interface and being adapted to provide data supplied from said external device to said interface, and said interface is adapted to supply said data supplied thereto including data supplied from the external device to said personal information device.

38. (Unchanged) The wallet of claim 37, wherein said external device is a computer.

39. (Unchanged) The wallet of claim 37, wherein said external device is another wallet including mounted therein another personal information device so that the communication between two coupled personal information devices is possible.

40. (Unchanged) The wallet of claim 29, wherein said interface is adapted to supply a signal representing said user-supplied input to said information device.